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SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTER'S VISIT TO ISRAEL

1. EMBOFFS BRIEFED APRIL 8 BY VAN DER KUN AND VAN DIJL, DEPARTING AND INCOMING HEADS OF MFA'S MIDDLE EAST DIRECTORATE, ON DISCUSSIONS FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER STOEL HELD WITH ALLON AND OTHERS DURING HIS JUST COMPLETED VISIT TO ISRAEL. MFA OFFICIALS PARTICIPATED IN MEETINGS WITH ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTER AND HAVE BEEN FILLED IN ON VAN DER STOEL-RABIN MEETING WHICH WAS ALONG SAME LINES. VAN DER STOEL GAVE BRIEF ACCOUNT OF
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HIS MEETINGS TO EC AMBASSADORS IN ISRAEL JUST BEFORE

DEPARTURE, WITH FULLER ACCOUNT SCHEDULED BE GIVEN AT APRIL 8-9 POLITICAL DIRECTOR'S MEETING IN DUBLIN.

2. MOOD OF ISRAELIS WAS ONE OF DEEP DISAPPOINTMENT IN TERMINATION OF SECRETARY'S LAST MISSION AND ANNOUNCED REASSESSMENT BY U.S. OF ITS MIDDLE EAST POLICY. ALLON FELT LAST ISRAELI OFFER INCLUDING EXTENSION OF CEASE-FIRE, PULL BACK, EARLY WARNING SYSTEMS AND ENCLAVE ARRANGEMENT FOR ABU RUDEIS OIL FIELDS, WAS SIGNIFICANT AND NOT GIVEN FULL CHANCE TO BE TESTED. REASSESSMENT OF U.S. POLICY SEEN AS DIRECTED AGAINST ISRAEL SINCE ANY REASSESSMENT COULD ONLY MEAN LESSENING OF CURRENT SUPPORT WHICH ISRAEL ENJOYS. DESPITE DISAPPOINTMENT, ISRAELIS DEMONSTRATED GREAT DETERMINATION AND DID NOT EVIDENCE DESPAIR. "THEY ARE HARD AS NAILS" SAID VAN DIJL, WHO LEFT PREVIOUS MOSCOW POST ONLY TWO WEEKS AGO.

3. ISRAEL DOES NOT WANT TO RECONVENE GENEVA TALKS, AND ALLON OF OPINION EGYPT FEELS SAME WAY. ISRAELIS SCEPTICAL OF EGYPTIAN CALL FOR INCLUSION OF U.K., FRANCE, AND THIRD WORLD COUNTRY AT GENEVA TALKS. PLO PARTICIPATION AT GENEVA REJECTED.

4. AS DESCRIBED TO DUTCH, ISRAELIS SEE THREE "OPTIONS" AT MOMENT: A) AGREEMENT ON BASIS OF ISRAEL'S LAST OFFER, WHICH STILL OPEN; THIS IS PREFERRED OPTION;

B) AN EXPANDED AGREEMENT WITH EGYPT WHICH WOULD INCLUDE POLITICAL AND MILITARY ELEMENTS BASED ON A "TERMINATION OF THE STATE OF WAR" AND C) NEGOTIATION OF AN OVERALL SETTLEMENT EITHER WITHIN OR OUTSIDE GENEVA FRAMEWORK. IT CLEAR THAT LATTER OPTION NOT SEEN AS BEING IN REALM OF POSSIBLE AT PRESENT.

5. DUTCH FEEL ISRAEL SINCERELY WANTS PEACE. THERE IS GREAT ISRAELI MISTRUST OF EGYPTIANS. RECENT RETURN OF BODIES OF 39 ISRAELIS POINTED TO CYNICALLY AS DEMONSTRATION OF EGYPTIAN DISREGARD FOR HUMANITARIAN FEELINGS. ISRAELIS REMARKED THAT 39 BODIES DO NOT ACCOUNT FOR ALL MISSING AND CLAIMED RETURN NOT ACCOMPLISHED IN GOOD GRACE. CONFIDENTIAL

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6. ALLON AND OTHERS STEADFAST IN REFUSAL DEAL WITH PLO. ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS IT WAS SAID THAT EVEN NOD IN DIRECTION OF POL WOULD STRENGTHEN HAND OF PALESTINIAN RADICALS. AT SAME TIME, ISRAELIS ACKNOWLEDGED PALESTINIANS "ARE A PEOPLE IN THE MAKING" AND "A REALITY WE HAVE TO RECOGNIZE". IN RESPONSE TO FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER STOEL'S PROBES AS TO WHOM ISRAEL WAS

LOOKING AS SPOKESMAN FOR PALESTINIANS, ANSWER WAS KING
HUSSEIN.

7. THERE VERY FEW DUTCH-ISRAELI ISSUES DISCUSSED,
AND NO REAL BILATERAL PROBLEMS EXIST. DUTCH FELT
GREAT WARMTH FROM MAN-IN-STREET, AS WELL AS OFFICIAL
ISRAELI APPRECIATION FOR GON'S SUPPORT. ISRAEL WANTS
CULTURAL AGREEMENT WITH NETHERLANDS, WHICH GON WILLING
TO NEGOTIATE.
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